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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW
107-110 AND CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT MAGNET
SCHOOLS."**

1 After section 7, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 8. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-264l of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

6 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
7 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional
8 boards of education, regional educational service centers and
9 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a with the
10 operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. For the purposes of
11 this section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program
12 which (1) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (2) offers a

13 special and high quality curriculum, and (3) requires students who are
14 enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school
15 program does not include a regional vocational agriculture school, a
16 regional vocational-technical school or a regional special education
17 center. [On and after] From July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2005, the governing
18 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall restrict the
19 number of students that may enroll in the program from a
20 participating district to eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the
21 program. On and after July 1, 2005, the governing authority for each
22 interdistrict magnet school program shall (A) restrict the number of
23 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to
24 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B)
25 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but
26 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils
27 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a. No student enrolled
28 in an interdistrict magnet school during the 2001-2002 school year shall
29 be displaced as a result of enrollment restrictions pursuant to this
30 section.

31 (b) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program operating
32 grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted annually to
33 the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such manner as the
34 commissioner prescribes. In determining whether an application shall
35 be approved and funds awarded pursuant to this section, the
36 commissioner shall consider, but such consideration shall not be
37 limited to: (1) Whether the program offered by the school is likely to
38 increase student achievement; (2) whether the program is likely to
39 reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation; and (3) the percentage of
40 the student enrollment in the program from each participating district.
41 [On and after July 1, 2000, the] The commissioner shall not award a
42 grant to a program if more than eighty per cent of its total enrollment
43 is from one school district, except that the commissioner may award a
44 grant for good cause, for any one year, on behalf of an otherwise
45 eligible magnet school program, if more than eighty per cent of the
46 total enrollment is from one district. On and after July 1, 2005, the

47 commissioner shall not award a grant to a program if more than
48 seventy-five per cent of its total enrollment is from one school district
49 or if less than twenty-five or more than seventy-five per cent of the
50 students enrolled are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in section
51 10-226a, except that the commissioner may award a grant for good
52 cause, for one year, on behalf of an otherwise eligible interdistrict
53 magnet school program, if more than seventy-five per cent of the total
54 enrollment is from one district or less than twenty-five or more than
55 seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial
56 minorities. The commissioner may not award grants pursuant to such
57 an exception for a second consecutive year."